Mechanism to assess the quality of education

4397. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has a mechanism to assess the quality of education and facilities available in Universities/educational institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government realize the need for such a mechanism; and

(d) if so, why such a mechanism is not being developed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The University Grants Commission has established an autonomous body. National Assessment and Accreditation Council, in 1994 at Bangalore, to assess and accredit institutions of higher learning with an objective of helping them to work continuously to improve the quality of education.

Court's verdict in NCERT text book controversy

†4398. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that though the court has justified the changes brought in by NCERT in the text books recently, several State Governments are showing reluctance for implementation of the said syllabus in the name of saffronisation of education, which is not justified;

(b) whether Government propose to take any action against State Governments who are not implementing the syllabus of the NCERT; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) The

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